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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES QUESTIONNAIRE  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

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1. WE ALSO HAVE HAD SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WITH QUESTIONS  
POSED AND BELIEVE SEVERAL ARE IRRELEVANT OR UNANSWERABLE  
AND CERTAINLY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO UK REQUEST FOR POST-  
PONEMENT. GIVEN BROAD SCOPE OF INFORMATION REQUESTED,  
DEPARTMENT PRESENTLY PLANS TO RESPOND IN LARGE PART BY  
SUPPLYING UNCTAD WITH USG DOCUMENTS FROM WHICH DATA CAN BE  
OBTAINED. AS WILL BE EXPLAINED IN FOLLOWING LETTER TO  
UNCTAD, HOWEVER, WE ALSO BELIEVE SEVERAL OF THE QUESTIONS  
RELATING TO INDIRECT EFFECTS OF LOCAL REGULATIONS EITHER  
ARE NOT AMENABLE TO A PRECISE RESPONSE OR ARE IRRELEVANT  
TO QUESTION OF WHETHER LDC'S ARE BEING DISADVANTAGED BY  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS BEING APPLIED BY THE U.S. AND  
OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS.

2. AS A CASE IN POINT, IF THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS  
HAVE VIGOROUS LOCAL POLLUTION ABATEMENT MEASURES, WE DO  
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NOT BELIEVE IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT THIS PLACES THE LDC'S

AT A DISADVANTAGE. EVEN IF THE LDC'S  
APPLY COMPARABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS, QUITE THE CON-  
TRARY MIGHT BE TRUE SINCE THEY MIGHT ENJOY A COMPETITIVE

ADVANTAGE IN ESTABLISHING INDIGENOUS MANUFACTURING  
CAPABILITIES DUE TO THEIR LOWER LABOR COSTS. CONSEQUENTLY,  
AS THIS STUDY PROCEEDS, WE WOULD EXPECT IT TO PRESENT A  
BALANCED PICTURE THAT DESCRIBES THE REALITIES RATHER  
THAN SOME EARLY UNSUBSTANTIATED PRECONCEPTIONS FIRST  
VOICED AT STOCKHOLM. KISSINGER

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